

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1, 8 to 10, 14, 17 and 18 will be presently pending in this patent application. Claims 1, 8 to 10 and 14 have been amended, without prejudice, to remove non-elected subject matter. No new matter has been added. Claims 2 to 7, 11 to 13, 15, 16, 19 and 20 are cancelled, without prejudice, as directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to present the non-elected subject matter in a later-filed divisional patent application. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Discussion of the Claim Objections

Claims 1 to 4, 6, 8 to 10, and 14 to 18 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter (Action, page 4). Applicants respectfully submit that the present rejection is moot in view of the foregoing amendments, which remove all non-elected subject matter from the claims.

Discussion of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph Rejection

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement with regard to the terms “prodrug derivative”, “protected derivative”, “N-oxide derivative”, “isomer” and “mixture of isomers” (Action, pages 4 to 7). Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 14 has been amended in a manner similar to Claim 1 in their Reply dated February 16, 2007.

Conclusion

In the event any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Applicants submit respectfully that this

application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an indication of allowability and a Notice of Allowance are requested respectfully.

A petition for a three-month extension is being filed concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is authorized hereby to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Reply (copy enclosed) to Deposit Account Number 19-5425.

Respectfully submitted,

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